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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE ADVISORY GROUP

1. The Executive Advisory Group (EAG) was established on 22 June 1976. The Management Committee was abolished the same date. Membership of the EAG is as follows:

Chairman : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Vice Chairman/
Secretary : Comptroller
Members : Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
General Counsel

2. The Executive Advisory Group will function under the personal direction of the DDCI. The EAG is advisory to the DDCI. The purposes of the Group are to:

Help the DDCI and others identify important Agencywide issues.

Help create a shared understanding of basic problems and encourage creative thinking about their solution.

Encourage cross-Agency planning in selected areas.

Support decision-making by the DDCI and others on fundamental policy and planning problems.

Under the personal direction of the DDCI, participate in the making of major decisions affecting the Agency and its relationship to the Intelligence Community.

In pursuing these purposes, the Group will consider topics that:

Affect the mission of CIA, or affect CIA's ability to meet its responsibilities.

Are cross-directorate in nature, or otherwise affect CIA as a whole.

Have long-term implications.

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3. The Comptroller will serve as Secretary to the EAG and will chair the Group in the absence of the DDCI. The Secretary is responsible for preparing the agenda and minutes and for developing and circulating appropriate preparatory material to members.

4. The EAG will assign responsibility for a specific topic to an individual member of the Group. That member is then responsible for establishing and guiding any mechanism required to pursue the topic, informing the EAG of progress, and developing specific proposals for EAG action.

5. Topics already considered by the EAG include the organization of the Agency's Exploratory Research program in ORD; a review of the short-term plans of the Inspector General; CIA Goals; the Agency's overall R&D Program; DDO Plans; DDI Plans; and reports from the Chairman, SIGINT Task Force, and the Special Assistant to the Comptroller for Strategic Intelligence. Additional topics presently scheduled for review include Agency physical space problems, an examination of issues regarding the adequacy of guidance to employees on questions of legality and propriety, technical support for the Operations Directorate, and an examination of Agency personnel management arrangements.

6. Each Deputy Director, as a member of the Executive Advisory Group, will draw upon Agency components as appropriate for help in staffing assigned items in order to develop cross-Agency solutions. Employee suggestions on agenda items are welcome and may be brought to the attention of the members for possible EAG consideration.

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E. H. Knoche
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